Functioning of JNPT

1774. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) on the West Coast has handled about 2 million Twenty Equivalent Units (TEUs) in 2003-04;

(b) if so, what is the capacity of JNPT to handle container traffic;

(c) whether any effort is being made to improve the functioning of the port and the handling of container traffic;

(d) the steps proposed to improve efficiency at this port in 2004-05;

(e) to what extent could this port be compared to other International Ports; and

(f) the details of any such study made to comparative assess JNPT with other foreign ports?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI *T.R.* BAALU): (a) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) handled 2.26 Million Twenty Equivalent Units (TEUs) during 2003-04.

(b) The Capacity of JNPT to handle container traffic as on 31.3.2004 was 2.28 Million TEUs.

(c) Efforts made by JNPT to improve the functioning of the port and the handling of container traffic include; (i) An agreement was signed on 10th August, 2004 between JNPT and Gateway Terminals India Pvt. Ltd., a Joint Venture between APM Terminals (74%) and Container Corporation of India (26%) for the redevelopment of bulk terminal to a container terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port with a capacity addition of 1.30 million TEUs per annum, (ii) The shallow draught berth was opened with effect

from September 2002 for handling feeder container vessels with a capacity addition of 0.08 million TEUs.

(d) Improvement in performance of ports is an ongoing process. Steps taken by JNPT to increase efficiency include modernization of container handling equipment, acquisition of state-of-art equipment, providing crossbeams for gravel bed in the container stack yards, 5 metres quay extension behind the Rail Mounted Quay Cranes at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal (JNPT).

(e) and (f) As per the study made by the magazine "Containerization International" and published in their monthly issue of March 2004, JNPT stands at position 30 among the top container ports of the world in handling container traffic during the calendar year 2003.

Progress of projects under Tenth Plan

1775. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether progress on Tenth Five Year Plan targets is taKing place as scheduled; and

(b) the details of milestones achieved so far in respect of installation of power generation capacities, construction of "Golden Quadrilateral" National Highways, and development of ports under 'Sagar Mala' projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) As per the Planning Commission, the assessment of a Five Year Plans' objectives and targets is done in Mid-Term Appraisal of the Five Year Plan, and corrective actions are suggested, if considered necessary. The Mid-Term Appraisal is usually undertaken in the third year of the Plan, accordingly, the Mid-Term Appraisal Exercise of the Tenth Five Year